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PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, October 4 at 11:05 hours, City fire units were dispatched to 519 Clay Street, Apartment #2 for a reported fire. When units arrived they found smoke coming from a second floor apartment of this 3 unit dwelling. The female occupant of apartment #2 stated that she had placed clothes in the dryer of the laundry room and later smelled smoke and went to check and found smoke in the kitchen and the door to the laundry room was too hot to touch. She then went and awoke the tenant of the third floor studio apartment and they both exited the building.

Firefighters contained fire to the second floor after conducting a primary search and ventilated the roof. There was water damage to the first floor apartment of the owner, Kingsley Irwin. Red Cross was called to assist the occupants of the apartments with temporary housing.

Fort Drum Fire was called to supply a RIT team at the Clay Street incident and off duty fire department personnel were re-called to man reserve fire apparatus in order to provide coverage to the City while this incident was in progress. Crews were assisted on scene by the Watertown Police Department, Guilfoyle Ambulance, National Grid, and the City Water Department.

The cause of the fire is under investigation at the time of this release

There were no reported injuries at the time of this release.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale C. Herman".

Dale C. Herman
Fire Chief, EFO